# GLEN PARK NEWS

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 1987 G. P. A. P. O. Box 31292 S.F. 94131


## GPA Analyzes By-Laws Revision

The ad hoc committee appointed by Pres. Bruce Bonacker has been revising the by-laws of the Glen Park Association at monthly meetings since March. Their preliminary review and recommendations process is complete, and membership review began with the August general meeting, to continue through September and October.

The final revised by-laws will be submitted for an approval vote at the November general meeting, to become effective upon passing.

To minimize the expense of the revision, only a few of the revised by-laws have been reproduced. A copy of the present and revised by-laws are on file in the Glen Park branch of the public library. Members and other interested parties can review them there, then come to the September and October meetings to submit thoughts and recommendations.

By-laws revision is one of those tedious but extremely necessary functions. We thank Nelson Combs and his committee for their efforts, and hope that many people will take a few minutes to become informed of the changes which will affect how the Association conducts its business for years to come.

## Canyon Fire Danger At Its Peak

On the afternoon of July 6th, people living near Glen Canyon Park heard a sad, all too familiar sound: sirens. It meant that another thoughtless person -- probably someone playing with firecrackers -- had started a fire in the park. As the sirens continued, it was obvious this wasn't a localized grass fire. This fire was big.

The next day, after the Fire Department left, the extent of the burn was clear: virtually the entire east slope grassland was destroyed. Along with it went the food and homes of the many small creatures who live in the canyon. And, far too close for comfort, some human habitations were put at risk.

The fire provoked heated debate amongst canyon perimeter homeowners, the Fire Department, Recreation and Parks Department, Diamond Heights and Glen Park Associations, and the Friends of Glen Canyon Park. Once recriminations were out of the way, several things have become obvious.

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## Crime Stats

| | May | Jun | Jul | Aug* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 1# | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assault | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Burglary | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Theft | 7 | 6 | 8 | 4 |
| Auto | 7 | 5 | 9 | 2 |
| Other | 18 | 27 | 25 | 12 |

*Through August 19th

#A suspect was arrested and is awaiting trial.

'Auto' includes thefts, malicious mischief, auto stripping -- i.e., felonies involving cars. 'Other' are various misdemeanors. The stats reflect that car vandalism and theft rose in the summer. On July 18th, at Congo and Bosworth, four young people were apprehended in the act of rifling cars and puncturing tires. Thanks are due to Ingleside Police Station plainclothesmen for making the streets a little less dangerous for our cars.

## GPA Meeting Dates - 1987

The GPA welcomes all Glen Park residents to participate in their monthly meetings.

Come and let your voice be heard . The GPA meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M., at the Recreation Center Auditorium, Elk and Chenery Sts. See you there!

October 13
November 10
December - no meeting


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# Poop Patrol Scoops Up

It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it. And since some dog owners refuse to pick up after their dogs, happily some concerned people in Glen Park have assumed the responsibility.

Dan & Carolyn Silver are leaders of the self-named 'Poop Patrol'. Dan and Carolyn coordinate a group of volunteers who want to keep the grassy areas and trails of Glen Canyon Park clean for all of us.

They meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 12 noon at the picnic tables near the Recreation Center. Armed with buckets, plastic garbage bags, trowels and rubber gloves -- "optional, but recommended", says Dan -- they comb the lawns and trails picking up after the less considerate dog walkers.

Dan reports that two patrols have already made a big difference. On the second, there was much less to pick up -- partly because of the first patrol, and partly because of increased awareness of other dog owners. Each patrol lasts a little less than an hour, aided by the doggies themselves who help sniff out violations. Dan says that they now have almost enough patrollers that soon, each one will only have to patrol once a month or even once every six weeks.

Everybody -- dog owner or not -- salutes Dan and Carolyn for tackling this unpleasant task and making it fun for the volunteers. They're an example of community action of the best kind -- responsible, with a sense of humor. We genuinely hope that all dog walkers will get the message soon and pick up after their dogs, so that Dan, Carolyn and the rest of the Poop Patrol can go back to enjoying their Saturdays like the rest of us.

# Abandoned Cars Need Reporting

They appear in the middle of the night, like vampires and other evil beasts. Abandoned cars are a plague in our streets, and a major headache for Police, DPW, Health and other City agencies. Finally, though, a bit of light is dawning.

The City has a new contract with a new tow company to take care of both the profitable rush-hour tow business AND the unprofitable abandoned car towing.

And just in time. For two months, there were virtually no tows unless the car blocked traffic. The backlog is slowly but surely being cleaned up. And the success of the cleanup lies squarely with the citizenry -- i.e., all of us. You have to report these cars.

Call 553-0123, the Police non-emergency number. You'll be asked for a specific location of the hulk, what the color is, the make (if you can tell; some are so badly stripped you can't), the license number (if it has plates, which many don't), and how long the wreck has been there. In addition, you should volunteer whether or not the thing has wheels (as that affects what kind of tow truck is dispatched), and if the 'vehicle' poses any safety hazards -- broken glass, garbage, traffic obstruction, etc. If the wreck is a hazard, it will get priority on towing.

The law requires that, unless the thing presents an immediate safety hazard, the potential owner must be given a 3-day warning that towing is imminent, via a big red and white notice. If you see the notice placed, and then it's removed, call the police immediately and tell them.

Most of these hulks can be traced to 'chop shops' which strip stolen or junked cars of anything worthwhile for sale on the illegal parts market. Rather than pay a disposal fee, the hulks are dumped on city streets. If you see someone unhitching a hulk from a tow truck, call 911 and report it. The City very much wants to get these guys. And if you sus-

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## Help Our Scouts – Adults Needed

The GPA-sponsored Troop 114 of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts has, over the years, gone through cycles of feast and famine in terms of adult assistance and financing. Today, the cycle is definitely in the famine phase.

The Scouts can use any and all help you can provide. To make a financial contribution, make your check payable to BSA Troop 114, and send it to the GPA, P.O. Box 31292, SF 94131.

Better yet, if you have a few hours a week that you'd like to invest in helping the boys and young men of Glen Park, call leaders Bob Lando (586-7184) or Heather Johnston (584-9482). Any adult help would be greatly appreciated. You don't need to be a former Boy Scout, either -- or a former Girl Scout, for that matter. Both genders are welcome in the new Scouts. All you need are an interest or skill in athletics, nature, camping, hiking, arts/crafts or administrative ability.

So the next time you start singing choruses of 'What's the Matter with Kids Today', pick up the phone instead and call Bob or Heather.

## Lighthouse Society At Home In Glen Park

Old-time San Franciscans speak fondly of the city's distinctive sound -- foghorns. The horns and lights kept mariners safe as they threaded their way into the harbor.

Sadly, the old sounds are disappearing as electronic beepers take their place and cheap radar makes lighthouses obsolete. But the Lighthouse Society is going to make sure this tradition is not forgotten.

With over 3500 members nationally, the Society restores and preserves these unique symbols of our maritime heritage. In December of '86, they took delivery of 'Relief', one of the last remaining lightships. Local members are now busily restoring the ship at the Jack London Square berth, to make it into a museum of lighthouse history.

If you enjoy things nautical and/or historical, you may want to contact the local Lighthouse Society chapter at 585-1303. Or write to the Society at 130 Saint Elmo Way, SF 94127


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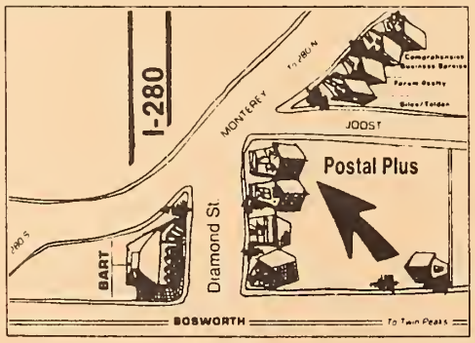


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The following programs are available for registration and will begin the latter part of September. Please see the Rec. Center Director or call 585-2875, between 10AM - 4PM for the complete schedule.

Monday thru Friday: Youth Seasonal Sports 4-6PM.

Tuesday: Senior's Activities, 10AM-3PM.

Wednesday: Children's Tennis, 3:30 -5PM.

Tiny Tots, Time not definite.

Thursday: Trampoline for Kids, 3:30-5PM.

Friday: Music for Kids, 3:30-5:30PM.
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First, the canyon is inherently dangerous from a fire standpoint. Even if all arson fires are eliminated (which, sadly, will probably never happen), conditions are such that naturally occurring burns will occasionally happen.

Second, perimeter homeowners are going to have to deal with the above fact of life. That means they need to plant greenbelts around their homes, and keep trees away from decks and wood siding.

Third, the Rec & Park Department needs to take steps to reduce the major fire problems within its jurisdiction. Chief among these are the eucalyptus groves. These came dangerously close to igniting on July 6th. Had that happened, the resulting conflagration could have been disastrous.

Fourth, the Fire Department needs to take a more active role in preventing canyon fires, and in minimizing the potential damage when they occur.

As part of an on-going fire control plan that is being developed at the urging of the Friends, Rec & Park is conducting a boundaries survey to pin down exactly what areas they are responsible for maintaining. In addition, starting late fall, there will be a series of meetings involving the Friends, the Rec & Park and the Fire Departments to finalize the fire control plan in a way that all parties, including the perimeter homeowners, can live with.

On August 15th, Jim Gravanis who is both a firefighter and member of the Friends, led a walk through the fire damaged area. Fire Battalion Chief Ahrens also hiked along. The group saw clear evidence of how greenbelts protected homes on Gold Mine Street. As they crossed the east slope, they could trace where the fire had moved and where firefighters stopped it. The group wound up at the park perimeter behind Turquoise Street, for an informal survey of how residents are dealing with the fire danger. Several residents came out and asked for suggestions on how they could reduce fire danger around their homes.

The Friends took that as a good sign. As one Turquoise Street homeowner put it, "Everybody worries about burglars. Well, a burglar won't take my underwear. He won't take my family pictures and my rugs and drapes. But a fire will take everything I own."

Canyon fires are something everybody has to pay attention to. Parents need to make plain to their children the costs of what, to the kids, seems like innocent play. After the winter rains, it's just plain not safe to smoke in the canyon. And even though it looks like wide open spaces, the canyon is no place to set off fireworks.

The Friends are slowly but surely getting their message across to everyone. You can help spread the word, too. And if you'd like to know more about fire safety in Glen Canyon, and be part of the development of the fire control plan, you should attend the Friends' meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:45 p.m. in the auditorium of the Glen Park Recreation Building. For further information, call Dawn Murayama at 333-9053.

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What are your main interests or concerns about Glen Park?

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Would you be interested in helping further these interests by serving on a Committee?

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